

Jenny lived in a big cave that overlooked a waterfall. She had hair that swept the ground. She often picked wild orchids from the jungle to put in her hair. At other times she simply wore her gold and diamond crown, for Jenny was Queen of the African Jungle.

Jenny's family had gone on a safari when she was a baby. The Zora tribe had stolen her from her parents because she was so beautiful. They had made her their baby queen. She had grown up with the finest food, robes, and jewels.

Jenny's life was full of action. She liked to swing from vine to vine over the territory and the rivers. It was also a useful way to travel when there were lions and tigers on the ground. Jenny traveled so fast that they could not follow her and gobble her up.

One day many tribe members came to Queen Jenny with a problem. It seemed that there was an elephant that was bothering the people who washed their clothes in the river each morning. It would not have been such a problem except for the fact that this particular elephant was the largest one in the jungle. He was twenty-five feet high and he weighed eighteen tons.

One morning, Jenny waited for the elephant to attack. She hid herself up in a tree by the river. She also held a long rope in her hand. When the elephant began spewing water, Jenny grabbed a vine and swung out and landed atop the elephant's back. The elephant tried to throw her off but Jenny was too swift and too strong. She tossed the rope around the elephant's neck and tamed him instantly.

The tribe had a celebration in honor of Jenny, their brave queen. All of the Zoras bowed their heads with respect as Jenny marched through the village.

"Jenny, I asked you a question. Were you listening?" demanded Miss Crabtree. "I asked you the name of your favorite country in Africa. Have you been daydreaming again?"

Jenny smiled and answered her social studies teacher.

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